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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF  
CREATING A STRUCTURAL LICENSING BOARD.

1 WHEREAS, installing and erecting structural steel is an  
2 incredibly demanding job that requires specialized skills to  
3 handle heavy steel; and  
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5 WHEREAS, installing and erecting structural steel is  
6 considered to be one of the most dangerous jobs in the United  
7 States, in part because workers must often install and erect  
8 steel structures hundreds of feet above the ground; and  
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10 WHEREAS, worker and public safety are put in jeopardy when  
11 a contractor employs unqualified workers to install and erect  
12 structural steel because unsatisfactory work could lead to a  
13 building collapse; and  
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15 WHEREAS, current contractor license requirements are  
16 insufficient to ensure the safety of workers who install and  
17 erect structural steel; and  
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19 WHEREAS, there are four license classifications under the  
20 Contractor License Board purview that critically involve the  
21 specialty expertise of a structural engineer, namely, C-38 post  
22 tensioning, C-41 reinforcing steel, C-48 structural steel, and  
23 C-56 welding; and  
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25 WHEREAS, it is unreasonable to expect the thirteen  
26 volunteers who comprise the Contractors License Board, none of  
27 whom currently possess the qualifications to erect structural  
28 steel, to be fully apprised of the very specific requirements of  
29 installing and erecting of structural steel; and  
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1 WHEREAS, these four license classifications should be  
2 transferred to the jurisdiction of a to be created structural  
3 license board to ensure that workers installing and erecting  
4 steel structures possess the necessary experience and  
5 qualifications; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the State has a history of protecting the public's  
8 health, safety, and welfare through the creation of specialty  
9 license boards, namely, the Electrician and Plumbers License  
10 Board; now, therefore,  
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the  
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is  
15 requested to prepare a report that makes recommendations for the  
16 creation of a structural license board modeled after the Board  
17 of Electricians and Plumbers; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
20 consult with relevant stakeholders, including the Hawaii Iron  
21 Workers Stabilization Fund, the Hawaii Iron Workers Union Local  
22 625, the Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council, the  
23 Contractors License Board, the Electrician and Plumbers License  
24 Board, the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii, and  
25 companies that hold licenses for C-38 post tensioning, C-41  
26 reinforcing steel, C-48 structural steel, or C-56 welding; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
29 include the following in the report:  
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- 31 (1) A feasibility determination for the creation of a  
32 structural license board;  
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34 (2) Suggested amendments or modifications to the practice  
35 of issuing licenses for the:  
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37 (A) C-38 post tensioning;  
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39 (B) C-41 reinforcing steel;  
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41 (C) C-48 structural steel; and  
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(D) C-56 welding license classifications;

(3) A recommendation on licensure fees, including the possibility of increased amounts above any currently paid by individuals for a C-38, C-41, C-48, or C-56 license, if any;

(4) A brief description of the process the Auditor used in making its findings and recommendations in the report;

(5) The testimony of all stakeholders that participated in the process and justifications for why recommendations of stakeholders were included or excluded in the final recommendations;

(6) An estimate of the cost to create a structural license board; and

(7) Any proposed legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to transmit a draft report, including any recommendations for amendments to chapter 444, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and other chapters, if any, to the Legislative Reference Bureau no later than November 1, 2015, which in turn is requested to assist in drafting any proposed legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit a final report, including any recommendations for amendments to chapter 444, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and other chapters, if any, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Auditor, the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, the Chairperson of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, the Chairperson of the Contractors License Board, the Director of the Hawaii Iron Workers Stabilization Fund, the Business Manager of the Iron Workers Union Local 625, the President of the Hawaii Building



1 and Construction Trades Council, and the President of the  
2 Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii.  
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